



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Sep 23, 2022

2nd Grade

Hello Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families!

After reading daily clues this week, our sweet students solved the mystery of our new class pet! Ask your child about Spencer the Stinkbug and the cool facts they learned all about stink bugs! Spencer has visited our classrooms and has even been spotted at recess!

While collecting natural materials, the Devlin family noticed a monarch caterpillar on some milkweed and very kindly brought this darling insect to school! With a play on words, we have named our monarch caterpillar Elizabeth in honor of England's longest reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. Elizabeth happily ate like a queen prior to preparing to form her chrysalis. After Elizabeth emerges (about 10 days), we'll carefully observe the markings on her wings to determine if we correctly guessed the gender of our caterpillar! It's so amazing to see the life cycle in action!

If your sloth or cheetah has not yet brought in an empty box (preferably about the size of a shoe box), please send it in ASAP. You're also welcome to send in more than one. We'll be transforming the boxes into a Pueblo village!

Please check the announcements below and adjust your calendars. Thank you!

God bless,
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Announcements

- Calling all volunteers! We're excited to reach out for help in the classroom, chaperones for field trips, weekly readers, and more! Please make sure you are VIRTUS trained so you can join in on ALL OF THE FUN!

- Perfect Picnic Weather! Spend time with old friends, while making new ones! Join our fabulous CCS Community at the Back to School Picnic **TOMORROW** Saturday, September 24 at 4:00PM! Hope to see our Sloth and Cheetah families there!
- September is Hispanic Heritage Month!! Our classes are learning all about Panama (Silly Sloths) and Costa Rica (Rainbow Cheetahs), decorating our doors in the theme of each country, and participating in tons of fun activities while celebrating the culture of these fabulous countries!
- On your mark, get set, go!!! Join us for the 5K and Children's Fun Run! Go CCS!
- Par! Perfect your putt at the CCS Golf Tournament! If you are interested in playing or putting together a foursome, contact Colleen Smith at c.smith@cvillecatholic.org
- Road trip! We're so excited about our field trip to Amazement Square and are looking for drivers!!! Please sign the permission slip below (a paper copy was also sent home in folders on Thursday, September 22) and return to school by Tuesday, September 27.
- Crozet Speech and Language Clinic will be conducting speech screenings for new students in October. Please look for a letter in your child's Friday folder with more information.

Calendar

- 9/24 - CCS Back To School Picnic, 4-6 pm
- 9/30 - Math Test (place value)
- 10/7 - Spelling Test
- 10/13 - Amazement Square Field Trip (permission form attached)
- 10/14 - Speech Screenings for new students (look for info in Friday folder)

Math

Following our unit on Measurement, we are now delving into Place Value. The Rainbow Cheetahs and Silly Sloths are building and drawing 3-digit numbers using base-10 blocks, identifying the value of numbers in each place (hundreds, tens, and ones), writing numbers in both standard and expanded form, comparing numbers, and so much more! We'll conclude this unit next Friday, September 30 with a test.

Literacy

We are thrilled to begin spelling instruction next week! Each student will receive explicit small group instruction, followed up with daily activities and a homework choice board. Since the Silly Sloths and Rainbow Cheetahs will be learning how to complete a variety of new activities associated with spelling, our first word lists will be studied for TWO weeks. At the end of the two weeks, our sensational spellers will take a test. Tests will occur on Fridays. The first spelling test will occur on Friday, October 7.

Religion

This week, students were captivated as they heard the story of Punchinello, Eli, and the Wemmicks in Max Lucado's "You Are Special" and made connections between Eli the woodworker as God, and the Wemmicks as us. They all declared "God made me special" as they released what others thought of them. Then, students learned about how they are made in the *imago dei*, the "image & likeness of God." They *reflected* that they are like a mirror that, when facing God, can reflect his goodness and love towards others and out into the world!

Next week, we will finish up our study on how we are made in God's image and then move into a look at what our conscience is and how we build virtue. Also, students will be getting their first bit of Religion homework! We will be starting to think about what Saint we would like to research for our All Saints Day project! Your future Saint will bring home a paper where they will select the top three Saints they would like to *possibly* research. The goal is to make sure that we have no repeats in our Communion of Saints!

Social Studies

The Silly Sloths and Rainbow Cheetahs are SO engaged in our study of Native Americans! This week, we kicked off the unit handling native artifacts kindly loaned to us by the Hinek family! After learning about the "three sisters," dugout canoes, wigwams, and daily life, our sweet second graders built a wigwam village, using success criteria to show all they know about the landscape, housing, jobs, transportation, food, and clothing of the Powhatan tribe of the Eastern Woodlands.

Next week, the Lakota tribe of the Great Plains will be featured. Throughout this unit, we will revisit geography with a specific focus on the United States.

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Christ Community Scholars

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Your son/daughter is eligible to participate in a school sponsored activity requiring transportation to a location away from the school building. This activity will take place under the guidance and supervision of employees from Charlottesville Catholic School. A brief description of the activity follows:

Name of Event: Amazement Square

Educational Objective: Social Studies 2.4 (Native American Cultures) and Science 2.1. (Scientific Investigations) 2.2 (Matter)

Sponsor of Activity: Heidi Robinson & Megan Pearing

Date and time of departure: Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 8:30 AM

Date and time of return: Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Method of transportation: Parent chaperone carpool

Please return this form by: Tuesday, September 27, 2022

If you would like your child to participate in this event, please complete, sign, and return the following statement of consent and release of liability. As parent or legal guardian, you remain fully responsible for any legal responsibility which may result from any personal actions taken by the named student.

I request and give permission for my child, _____, to participate in the event described above. I understand that this event will take place away from the school grounds and that my child will be under the supervision of the designated school employee on the stated dates. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including the method of transportation. I also give the school permission to obtain emergency medical treatment for my child during the course of this trip.

(Print Parent's Name)

(Parent's Signature)

Contact person in case of emergency _____ Phone number _____

I am willing to DRIVE _____ AND I HAVE _____ # OF SEAT BELTS FOR PASSENGERS.

- Drivers must have a Volunteer Driver Information Form on file in the office.
- Drivers will not deviate from the intended itinerary.
- Students under 57" height must be properly restrained in a child safety seat or booster seat to be provided by parents.
- Diocesan policy requires two adults per car when possible. All adult (21 & older) chaperones must have attended VIRTUS training.
- We regret that no siblings may accompany us.